

The Weekly Fishing News

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Cordova

Alaska

Perhaps the most normal thing about 2020 thus far has been the Coho Salmon run. In last week's aerial surveys, Alaska Department of Fish and Game counted 22,000 beautiful Coho "Silver" Salmon on the Copper River Delta, the typical number for this time of year. Southcentral Alaska remains locked in a seasonably cool and rainy weather pattern with near average temperatures, a welcome respite from the drought last season. Anglers who can find clear water conditions have been enjoying great success, particularly at Ibeck Creek upstream from the bridge (pictured) and in tributaries to Alaganik Slough.



Look for a brief drying trend and fantastic angling this weekend as the water levels fall and water clarity improves. The area may receive another shot of heavy rainfall early next week, so don't squander this nice weather by sleeping in or doing house chores!

Although it may feel "normal" when you are out enjoying a fine day of angling on the Copper River Delta, please remember that the City of Cordova is still in a state of emergency due to the global pandemic. It is important that visiting anglers follow the mandates and guidance provided by the City of Cordova and the state of Alaska. Please read the City of Cordova COVID-19 website:

<https://covid19.cityofcordova.net/individuals-who-have-traveled-recently/> before your visit.

If your fishing plans have changed due to the pandemic, consider visiting Cordova virtually this year.

The annual Fungus Festival (Sept 4-7), including popular mushroom forays, is entirely online:

<https://www.cordovafungusfest.com/virtual-festival>

Our Cordova Ranger District aquatics program recently updated its website, including a bunch of sportfishing information (see the link on the upper right of the page):

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/chugach/about-forest/districts/?cid=fseprd768777>

The Copper River Watershed Project, a local not-for-profit watershed conservation group, has great information on their site (and an option to buy salmon online): <https://copperriver.org/>

The Prince William Sound Science Center's annual Delta Sound Connections newsletter, the same one you normally read at the airport, is available online too: <https://pwssc.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DSC-2020-web.pdf>

We wish you a safe and enjoyable long weekend!



Continuing our series of photos from season's past, Here is Ben Wright with an Eyak River Coho Salmon in 2019. Eyak River is currently "blown out" by turbid water from Power Creek.

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